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SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Schimek, members of the body. Senator Hudkins, I applaud your efforts in this area. I think it's a very worthwhile endeavor. I do have a question about the committee amendment and your response to that. As I understand the committee amendment, they are requiring that if there is any fee that is charged monthly on a card, or an expiration date, that it be applied to the card itself. And I'm thinking about some of the companies that do retail in multiple states and may have cards that are not printed here in Nebraska, and just wondering about the uniformity, if you know what provisions there are in that area. Would they allow a sticker to be attached to a nationally printed card, or would it actually have to be printed?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Hudkins, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Senator Redfield, each...those cards would have to comply with each state's laws, if that answers your question.

SENATOR REDFIELD: So they are printed by state when they issue those? They're not just printed nationally?

SENATOR HUDKINS: And I don't know that.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Okay.

SENATOR HUDKINS: But they are printed...whoever prints them makes sure that they comply with every state.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Well, I'm assuming that if they did print it at the national level and our provision was unique, that the way this is written, that would mean that by not having that information on there, it would not expire and it would remain a valuable card, the same as cash for the customer, and I think that's a good thing. So I don't object at all to what you're doing. I just wondered if you had had discussions with those retailers. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senators Redfield and Hudkins.